

Report of the City Solicitor

Report to Council

Date: 22nd February 2012

Subject: Council Budget Motion

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

- 1.0 The Budget motion before Council arises from recommendations contained in a number of reports. This report assembles those reports and identifies their relationship to the recommendations before Council to assist members in consideration of the decision.

Recommendations

The recommendation for full Council arising from these reports is that which is included on the Council Summons as the budget motion.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To present the various reports which are relevant to the consideration of the budget motion by full Council on 22ⁿ^d February 2012.

2 Background information

- 2.1 There has been a post Executive Board change to the Treasury Management Report as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

3 Main issues

Reports are attached to this covering report as follows:

Item 4(i) Revenue Budget 2012/2013 Page 1-280

This report sets out the Council's budget for 2012/13 as recommended by the Executive Board on 10th February 2012 and also provides table 3 as detailed in the report. Recommendations (i), and (ii) at paragraph 13.1 form part of the budget motion.

Item 4(ii) Council Tax 2012/13 Page 1-16

This is the detailed report in relation to the setting of the Council Tax the recommendation from which forms the bulk of the motion before Council.

Item 4(iii) Capital Programme Update 2011 to 2014 Page 1-118

This report sets out the updated capital programme for 2011/2014 as recommended by the Executive Board on 10th February 2012. Recommendations at paragraph 6.1(a) to (d) are part of the budget motion.

Item 4(iv) Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statements 2012/2013 Page 1-36

This report sets out the Treasury Management Strategy for 2012/13 and provides an update on the implementation of the 2011/12 strategy. The Executive Board considered the report on 10th February 2012 and the recommendations at 6.3 to 6.6 of the report are the final part of the budget motion.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 As per the report to the Executive Board.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 As per the report to the Executive Board.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 As per the report to the Executive Board.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 As per the report to the Executive Board.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 As per the report to the Executive Board.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 As per the report to the Executive Board.

5 Recommendations

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6 Background documents

6.1 The reports referred to in 3 above.

Appendix 1

Post Executive Board Changes to the Treasury Management Report

1 Paragraph 3.3.8 to the Treasury Report which reads...

- The changes to the Housing Subsidy system will mean that the Council will have £107.390m and associated premiums of HRA loans repaid, but will equally no longer receive housing subsidy support for these loans that are redeemed. Work is underway to establish a system that allocates loans and interest costs between the general fund and HRA, as the current statutory method of apportioning debt charges between the general fund and HRA will cease. The overriding principles of the new system must ensure that:

The DCLG have issued revised settlement figures under the new HRA self financing regime and Leeds will now have £112.138m of loans repaid against the previous notification of £107.390m.